affected reduction and rationalisation in the Cash Reserve Ratio for the banking system. These specific measures to stimulate demand in the backdrop of Budget strategy are expected to have a favourable impact on growth.

Anti-Dumping Cases

*8. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated anti-dumping cases against several foreign companies during 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have since taken any steps to check such dumping in the country which has largely affected the indigenous industries/companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY):(a) and (b) Yes, sir.During the year 2001, Government has initiated 33 Anti Dumping cases. The products investigated fall in the category of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Steel and Consumer goods involving exporters mainly from China, Singapore, European Union, Taiwan, USA, Korea, Brazil, Japan, Russia and Thailand.

(c) and (d) Government has taken effective steps to check such dumping, concerning the above cases, in the following manner:—

(i) Definitive duties have been recommended in five cases of which, in two cases duties have already been imposed.

(ii) Provisional duties have been recommended in 25 cases of which, in 18 cases duties have already been imposed.

(hi) Of the remaining cases, one is under investigation for preliminary findings and two have been terminated on account of withdrawal of petition by the domestic industry.